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MEDIUM STORING TRANSACTION MANAGING PROGRAM THEREIN

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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated November 5, 2003 and the Notice of Appeal, which was timely filed on November 28, 2003 (November 27, 2003 being a Federal Holiday), with a three-month extension of time, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: